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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TO EC

BUDGET

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7703

1. RECENT PRESS ACCOUNTS IN BONN REPORT THAT THE FRG
WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL DM 145 MILLION
TO THE EC BUDGET THIS YEAR. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT,
ACCORDING TO FRG AID MINISTRY OFFICIALS, RESULTS
FROM THE FAILURE OF THE FRG'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EC
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VIA CAP AND CXT RECEIPTS TO REACH ESTIMATED LEVELS

DUE TO LOWER THAN EXPECTED FRG IMPORTS. FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS ITALY, THE SITUATION IS REVERSED AS THEIR IMPORTS EXCEEDED EC ESTIMATED LEVELS. THIS EXPLAINS, ACCORDING TO AID OFFICIALS, THE APPARENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN CHEYSSEN AND THE BELGIAN PERM REP NOTED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL.

2. FRG AID MINISTRY OFFICIALS, WHILE ADMITTING THEY KNEW ABOUT THE NEED FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL FRG CONTRIBUTION BEFORE THE EC DISCUSSION ON A FIRST TRANCHE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WALDHEIM APPEAL DENY THIS INFLUENCED THE FRG POSITION OF INITIAL OPPOSITION. THEY CLAIM THE FRG CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE REQUIRED NO MATTER WHAT THE EC HAD DECIDED ON THE FIRST TRANCHE PAYMENT. THE SAME OFFICIALS NOTE THAT LAST YEAR, WHEN THE CHANCELLOR WAS FINANCE MINISTER HE STRONGLY OBJECTED TO A NUMBER OF SUPPLEMENTAL FRG CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY CLAIM THAT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, HE WILL NOT RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS. AID MINISTRY OFFICIALS STATE THE FRG HAS THE FUNDS AVAILABLE BUT INDICATE THAT FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE AID BUDGET MAY BE A PROBLEM SINCE THEIR USUAL SURPLUS OF FUNDS, RESULTING FROM THE SLOW DISBURSEMENT UNDER EXISTING COMMITMENTS, AY DRY UP AS A NUMBER OF LDCS THIS YEAR HAVE REQUESTED QUICKER DISBURSEMENTS IN VIEW OF FUTURE FRG CUTS IN BILATERAL AID.

3. COMMENT. WHILE THIS SUPPLEMENT MAY BE PAID WITHOUT PROBLEM THE POTENTIALITY FOR PROBLEMS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND IN THE FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EC ALWAYS EXIST.

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